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Le Duc Tho Says North Vietnam Will Press for U.S. Reparations

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PARIS, Nov. 27—Le Duc Tho, who was North Vietnam's chief negotiator in the Vietnam peace talks, said here today that his Government would press successive American Presidents for the debt due for "U.S.-inflicted war wounds."

"President Nixon has not paid and President Ford probably will not either," Mr. Tho said at a new conference. "But we will continue to press all future American Presidents."

The North Vietnamese Politburo member, who is here on a week's visit at the invitation of the French Communist party, referred to the provision of the Vietnam accord of January, 1973, that said the United States would "contribute to healing the wounds of war and to postwar reconstruction" in North Vietnam and throughout Indochina.

Talks on economic aid were begun last year but suspended when the United States charged that North Vietnam was violating the cease-fire.

Mr. Tho accused the United States of attaching unacceptable political conditions to the talks and said North Vietnam would not re-enter such meetings until the United States "renounces neo-colonialism in South Vietnam, ends its military engagement and its interference in South Vietnam's internal affairs."

Meanwhile, he said, North Vietnamese reconstruction is nonetheless progressing "steadily."

A French economic delegation is to leave for Hanoi tomorrow to discuss aid and trade, and Mr. Tho and his assistants plan to visit factories here.